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TOKYO FOR USDEL GATT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD KU

SUBJ: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (C-ER-3-570504)

REF: A: STATE 173188

B: KUWAIT 2978 (NOTAL)

C: KUWAIT 123 (NOTAL)

1. REFS B AND C DESCRIBE GOK POSITION REGARDING GATT MEETING.  
AS INDICATED IN THOSE MESSAGES GOK HAS MINIMAL INTEREST IN  
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AT TOKYO BECAUSE KUWAIT HAS VIRTUALLY  
FREE TRADE. IT IS HIGHEST PER CAPITA IMPORTING NATION IN WORLD  
AND MUST IMPORT VIRTUALLY ALL CAPITAL AND CONSUMER GOODS INCLUD-  
ING ESSENTIALLY ALL FOODSTUFFS. ON OTHER HAND ITS EXPORTS,  
PRIMARILY PERTOLEUM BUT ALSO FERTILIZERS AND SHRIMP ENJOY SUCH  
HIGH DEMAND THAT THEY ASSURED ACCESS TO WORLD MARKETS. IN  
GENERAL, KUWAIT WILL SUPPORT FREE TRADE BUT IT IS LARGELY REMOVED  
FROM MAIN STREAM OF ISSUES TO BE NEGOTIATED AT TOKYO AND GOK  
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MOST LIKELY WILL SUPPORT ARAB CONSENSUS ON MOST ISSUES.

2. OUR REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2, REF A, ARE AS  
FOLLOWS:

(A) NO.

(B) GOK ECONOMIC INTEREST THIS QUESTION MINIMAL. IT WILL BE  
GUIDED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND MOST LIKELY WILL FOLLOW  
ARAB CONSENSUS.

(C) GOK UNLIKELY TO PLAY LEADERSHIP ROLE.

(D) NOT APPLICABLE, BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED GOK CURRENTLY  
NEGOTIATING WITH EEC FOR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP. NOT CLEAR,  
HOWEVER, WHETHER GOK SEEKING PREFERENCES ALONG SAME LINES AS OTHER  
AFRICAN OR MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES.  
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